

Seattle Human Rights Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 3, 2015, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

City Hall - Boards and Commissions Room

Commissioners Present: Sarah Bishop, Jason Poydras, Amy Huang, Julianna Tesfu, Alex Becker, Margaret Babayan, Danielle Wallace, Alejandra Gonza, Ashley Miller, Edlira Kuka

Commissioners by Phone: Marcel Baugh

Commissioners Absent: Ken Nsimbi, Onya Robertson, Lara Diaconu

SOCR Staff Present: Brenda Anibarro and Marta Idowu

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Order: The meeting is called to order by Sarah

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for November approved

- Motion to approve, Alex Becker; seconded by Sarah Bishop

SOCR Report Brenda presents the SOCR report

- SOCR is hiring within RSJI, Brenda will send announcement and would like Commissioners to do outreach
- 2nd stakeholder committee for source of income discrimination met and will meet with the Mayor. Brenda will keep group posted.
- Conviction and arrest records as related to housing stakeholder group will come together early 2016 and would like HRC representation.
- Section 8 testing wrapping up, report out in early Spring
- December 14th meeting

Co-Chair Transition Plan Sarah presents on new elections

- Leadership opportunities as Co-Chairs step back, would like to open the floor
- Need to fill Sarah L.'s
- Danielle and Margaret accept nominations

- Jason nominated, appreciates nomination, but declines
- Julianna nominated, will think about it
- Amy nominated, declined
- Sarah motions to approve non-anonymously, Alejandra seconds. Motion approved.
- Danielle and Margaret elected as new Co-Chairs, Margaret starts now and Danielle will start in January
- ECOSOC task force chair election

Human Rights Day

- Commissioners review agenda day-off, assign volunteer roles

New Commissioner Recruitment

Edlira proposes recruitment strategy

- Public and targeted recruitment for three open positions, we must be intentional about making sure communities are represented: attorneys, native community, housing, refugees...etc...
- January 4th deadline
- Interview Committee: Julianna, Edlira, Amy, Danielle, SOCR (Marta)

Appeals and Hearings Update Jason, Appeals Chair, gives updates on this month's hearings and appeals

- Sarah and Margaret present at November meeting
- March 7th, 2016 next hearing
- December appeal, but date not yet scheduled
- Appeals training in January, possibly during retreat

Retreat Planning Committee

Alex presents on retreat

- Retreat January 9th, 2016
- Need agenda committee: Alex, Ashley, Danielle, Alex, Margaret

Task Force Updates/Action Items

Economic, Cultural and Social Rights

- Comp plan letter sent, thanks to team

Homeless State of Emergency

- Homelessness state of emergency letter sent, approved by executive committee in interim

Bringing Human Rights Home

- Letters in support of welcoming refugees pending approval

Syrian Refugee Letter

- Sarah motions to approve Syrian refugee letters to Inslee, Murray, Cantwell

Civil and Political Rights

- Hiatus, but reorienting work-plan

General Announcements

- **Human Rights Day – December 10, 2015 at Town Hall**

Task Force Check-Ins/Planning

Meeting adjourned at 8:00p

Next Commission Meeting: Thursday, January 7, 2016, 6:00-8:00pm, Boards and Commissions Conference Room L-280. Next 5-Commission meeting is February 10, 2016 at 5:30p, Seattle Office for Civil Rights, 810 Third Avenue, Suite 750.